REPUBLIC ACT No. 6060
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SULU COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY AS A UNIT OF THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in southern Sulu a college to be known as the Sulu College of Technology and Oceanography which shall extend to the Muslims and other cultural minority groups the opportunities of college education and develop such other programs as well promote Muslims welfare and hasten the economic development of the southern-most region of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. To achieve the foregoing objectives, the college shall develop academic programs for effective exploitation and conservation of the fisheries resources in the Sulu seas and nearby waters, undertake researches in fish processing and culture, and in oceanography for increases understanding of the country's territorial waters, and adopt other programs and projects as may be necessary to promote the social and economic development of the people.

SECTION 3. The said college shall operate as an integral unit of the Mindanao State University and its administration shall be vested in the Board of regents of the said University in accordance with Republic Act numbered Thirteen hundred and eighty-seven, as amended, otherwise known as the Charter of the Mindanao State University. In addition, three members of the board, preferably from the province of Sulu, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments. Of the three to be initially appointed, the president shall designate one to serve for three years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of three years or until their successors are appointed. The additional three members shall attend meetings along with the other members of the Board of Regents and participate in its deliberations on matters affecting the College and in other items of the agenda that may affect, directly or indirectly the academic, administrative and financial operations of the College.

SECTION 4. To carry out the program of research in oceanography in fish processing and production, and is other related activities, including construction of laboratory buildings and other physical facilities, an ad valorem duty of five per centum, in addition to the existing duties, is hereby imposed and collected on prepared or preserved fish imported under Section 16.04, paragraphs A, B and C, and on crustaceans and mollusks imported under Section 16.05 paragraphs A and B, of the
Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, beginning fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy. The amount so collected is hereby automatically appropriated in favor of the Mindanao State University for the purpose provided in this section and the collector of Customs shall remit the same to the Institution every quarter following the quarter in which the collection is made.

SECTION 5. Upon request of the President of the University, the heads of appropriate offices and other instrumentalities of the Government may authorize the transfer of equipment and personnel to the college, under such arrangement as may be mutually agreed upon by the heads of these agencies.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved, August 4, 1969.
AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF SULU COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY INTO TAWI-TAWI COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act numbered Sixty hundred and sixty is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. There is hereby established in Tawi-Tawi a college to be known as the Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography which shall extend to the Muslims and other cultural minority groups the opportunities of college education and develop such other programs as will promote Muslim welfare and hasten the economic development of the southernmost region of the Philippines.”

SECTION 2. Section three of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. The said college shall operate as an integral unit of the Mindanao State University and its administration shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the said University in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Thirteen Hundred and Eighty Seven, as amended otherwise known as the Charter of the Mindanao State University. In addition, three members of the Board preferably from the Province of Tawi-Tawi, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. Of the three to be initially appointed, the President designate one to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of three years or until their successors are appointed. The additional three members shall attend meetings along with the other members of the Board of Regents and participate in its deliberations on matters affecting the college and in other items of the agenda that may affect, directly or indirectly the academic, administrative and financial operations of the college.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, March 16, 1982.
Mindanao State University  
Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography  
(MSU-TCTO)

**Vision Statement**

The center of excellence in fisheries, oceanography and related disciplines that is responsive to the socio-economic and peace and development needs of southern Philippines

**Mission Statement**

To be a globally competitive university that would carry out instruction, research, extension programs and production in fisheries, oceanography and allied disciplines

**Goals**

1. Competitive, productive and sustainable center for excellence in fisheries and oceanography  
2. Develop a high level of manpower and globally competitive professionals  
3. Generate knowledge and technology  
4. Promote competitive, strategic and sustainable human resource and organization development

**Objectives**

Goal 1: Competitive, productive and sustainable center for excellence in fisheries and oceanography

1. Develop appropriate technologies needed in the sustainable utilization of natural resources  
2. Comply with all academic support facility requirements of all degree-granting programs  
3. Establish technical cooperation with all leading agencies in the field of fisheries and oceanography  
4. Plan for and implement new and innovative programs, procedures and methods for academic and research advancement
5. Usher in the optimal application and usage of information technology to reshape the quality of instruction, research and academic results
6. Prioritize the adoption of an upgrading program for institutional facilities and capabilities
7. Provide the students with decent housing and other facilities conducive to learning
8. Strengthen the Academic Personnel Development Program (APDP) for judicious utilization of human and financial resources
9. Equip the research and academic entities to attain maximum output
10. Strengthen socio-cultural understanding as a tool towards peace and development
11. Develop distinctive curricular offerings in fisheries
12. Promote rational management, conservation and exploitation of the environment

Goal 2: Develop a high level of manpower and globally competitive professional

1. Comply with all academic support facility requirements of all degree granting programs
2. Establish technical cooperation with all leading agencies in fisheries and oceanography
3. Plan for and implement new and innovative programs, procedures and methods for academic and research advancement
4. Usher in the optimal application and usage of information technology to reshape the quality of instruction, research and academic results

Goal 3: Generate knowledge and technology

1. Develop appropriate technologies needed in the sustainable utilization of natural resources
2. Comply with all academic support facility requirements of all degree-granting programs
3. Equip the research and academic entities to attain maximum output
4. Strengthen and widen linkages with philanthropic friends of the university
5. Undertake extension programs specifically in trainings and provision of technical assistance
Goal 4: Promote competitive, strategic and sustainable human resource and organization development

1. Establish technical cooperation with all leading agencies in fisheries and oceanography
2. Initiate a movement that will give birth to a new sense of pride in the institution on the part of all stakeholders
3. Plan for and implement new and innovative programs, procedures, methods for academic and research advancement
4. Prioritize the adoption of an upgrading program for institutional facilities and capabilities
5. Assess organizational strengths and assets towards introducing an institutional effort to widen college resources and change the balance of dependence on shrinking sources of funds
6. Forge partnerships with government and NGOs as well as LGUs
7. Provide students with decent housing and other facilities conducive to learning
8. Strengthen the Academic Personnel Development Program (APDP) for judicious utilization of human and financial resources
9. Strengthen socio-cultural understanding as a tool towards peace and development
10. Support the programs of the government and adopt measures that support policies of transparency and a sense of accountability in public service
11. Undertake extension programs specifically in trainings and provision of technical assistance